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This amendment cancels claims 43, 46, 49, and 66-68, and adds claim 69 based on canceled original claim 25.

The amendments to independent claims 1 and 52 add a further distinction from the cited art involving a single I/O unit shared by the co-located web server and asset control system. Although web servers may be located at different places, co-location of the web server and the asset control system, combined with the web server and the asset control system sharing a single I/O unit has significant advantages. The shared I/O unit facilitates and reduces the cost of communication between the web server and the asset control system and between the web server and a web browser. These low cost communications would be lost if the web server and the asset control system were not co-located. Also, without such a shared I/O unit, additional switching would become necessary for many of the more complex applications. This would add to the initial expense, would require additional wiring, and would not be as durable and as readily serviced as the claimed arrangement.

If prior art is not available to suggest the claimed co-location of a web server and an asset control system, or if any such prior art fails to suggest a single I/O unit shared by a co-located web server and asset control system, then the present rejection can be withdrawn. For any question on this, the examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

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